Kanpur by the Industrial Units; if so, the details of such units and corrective action taken/proposed to be taken by the local authorities under the Ganga Action Plan; and

(b) whether any action would be taken against the habitual defaulters; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Of the 21 identified gross polluting industrial units located at Kanpur 14 have set setupEffluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) which are operative. Of these, performance of two units is still under evaluation, one needs further codification and the remaining ETPs have been found to be working satisfactorily. Two units have closed down.

Apart from these, there is a cluster of 166 tanneries in the Jammu area of Kanpur which are highly pollutive. A common conveyance and treatment scheme has been taken up under the Ganga Action Plan with the assistance of the Netherland's Government, to collect, convey and treat the effluents from this cluster of tanneries which are also required to carry out pretreatment of their effluents.

Legal action has been taken against 17 tanneries in this cluster who have not yet established primary treatment facilities and eight tanneries have closed down. Attempt was made to disconnect water and electric supply to ten units but they have obtained stay orders from the Court.

Action would be taken against habitual defaulters as has been in the past as indicated above and which would include action under the water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Special drive for SC/ST in services

3057. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of special drive launched to fill up the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Tribes/Scheduled Castes in services;

(b) what are the areas for which suitable candidates from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are difficult to find or could not be found as yet; and

(c) how Government propose to fill up such vacancies?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) The Special Recruitment Drive launched by the Government to fill up backlog of reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on 31.8.90 is in progress. The target date for completion of the drive is 31-10-1990.

3058. (Transferred to the 6th September, 1990).

Reservations to Economically Backward among the Reserved Classes

3059. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the beneficiaries under the reservations in services and educational institutions for Scheduled Castes and backward classes are from wealthy and educated sections of these castes; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposed to take any legislative and administrative steps to ensure that the benefits of these reservations reach the economically backward among these classes?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The Department of Personnel and Training does not collect information on the economic status of the reserved categories staff.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration in the Department of Personnel and Training.

Steps to prevent movement of Sri Lankan Militants and Smugglers

3060. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director General of Coast Guard has recently given suggestions to prevent the movement of Sri Lankan militants and smugglers into the Tamil Nadu Coastal areas;

(b) whether the Coast Guards require better vessels to over run the swift sailor boats of the Sri Lankan militants; and

(c) what are Government's plan to supply modern equipment to the Coast Guards in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA). (a) and (b) The Government had sought a proposal from the Director General, Coast Guard, about the requirements of that Service for effectively dealing with the activities of Sri Lankan militants and smugglers of the Tamil Nadu Coast. The proposal in this regard has been received from the Coast Guard Headquarters.

(c) The modernisation of the Coast Guard is being done in accordance with the Five Year Coast Guard Development Plans which take into account all the requirements of the Service, including the requirements of the Coast Guard in the South.

Measures to remove Bureaucratic Fault

3061. DR. YELAMACHILLI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken to rectify the bureaucratic errors, carelessness, redtapism, resulting in public grievances;

(b) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to enact a law in order to totally reduce the public grievances and to remove the bureaucratic faults;

(c) if so by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Important steps taken in the recent past to improve the administrative efficiency are as follows.

(i) Preparation of time-bound action plans by the Ministries regarding their functional responsibilites and regular monitoring of the results achieved.

(ii) Fixation of levels for taking decisions on various categories of cases to speed up action and enforce accountablity.

(iii) Concerted action towards implification of rules and procedures.

(iv) Progressive decentralisation/delegation of financials/administrative powers.

(v) Reinforcement of efforts to strengthen machinery for redress of public grievances. Specifically an independent grievance redressal authority in the form of Directorate of Public Grievances has already been functioning in the Cabinet Secretariat with effect from 1-4-88. It has authority to call for relevant files, documents, etc. from the designated Ministries/Departments and agencies placed within its jurisdiction and pass orders thereon.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Public grievances about functioning of Government Organisations arise in areas where the common man comes into frequent contact with agencies of government wherever there